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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FORMER PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA

1. I SAW FORMER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TODAY AT HIS REQUEST. MOST OF CONVERSATION CONCERNED HIS THIRD WORLD INSTITUTE AND HIS HOPE THAT PROMINENT AMERICANS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF CARTER TEAM WOULD BE WILLING TO LECTURE OR PARTICIPATE IN SYMPOSIA (SEPTEL WILL FOLLOW).

2. REGARDING MEXICAN AFFAIRS, ECHEVERRIA VOLUNTEERED THE OPINION THAT THE CROWING BY THE MONTERREY AND OTHER BUSINESS GROUPS THAT "ALL HAS CHANGED WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO" WILL ONLY PROVOKE A REACTION FROM THE LEFT AND MAKE MATTERS MORE DIFFICULT FOR LOPEZ PORTILLO. ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT WE WERE ALREADY SEEING A CERTAIN EFFLORESCENCE OF UNREST AS REFLECTED IN THE MEDICAL STUDENTS AND OTHER STRIKES. HE SAID, MARK MY WORDS, LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW MY TACTICS OF SEIZING THE INITIATIVE FROM THE LEFT IF HE IS TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL STABILITY. AFTER ALL, HE SAID, THE BASIC POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES OF THE COUNTRY ARE UNCHANGED.

3. HE DID GO ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO WAS DOING A WONDERFUL JOB AND AFTER ALL, "HE HAD BEEN
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MY MINISTER OF FINANCE" AND WAS THUS WELL PREPARED. HE STRESSED THAT HIS OWN ROLE WAS TO STAY OUT OF PUBLIC SIGHT AND NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCESS OF GOVERNING AND THUS HE WAS DEVOTING HIMSELF TO HIS THIRD WORLD INSTITUTE.

4. THE INSTITUTE, BY THE WAY, SEEMED SOMEWHAT EMPTY

AND STATIC, BUT HIS BIG PLANS FOR THE FUTURE MAY WORK
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